

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 8-23 remain in the application and stand subject to a restriction requirement. More specifically, the Examiner has restricted the application to one of the following inventions:

- Group I claims 1-3, drawn to a curable organopolysiloxane resin composition;
- Group II claims 4, 5, 8-12, and 18, drawn to an optical waveguide; and
- Group III claims 13-17 and 19-23, drawn to a process for fabricating an optical waveguide.

In response to this restriction, the Applicant elects Group II, thereby retaining claims 4, 5, 8-12, and 18 therefore prosecution on the merits. Specifically, claims 4, 5, 8-12, and 18 encompass the elected invention.

Notably, as set forth in Paragraph 6 on Page 4 of the current Office Action, the Applicant is entitled to rejoinder. More specifically, in the instant Response, the Applicant has elected claims directed to the product, specifically to the optical waveguide. As such, upon subsequent allowance of the product claims, any process claims that are withdrawn which require all the limitations of the allowable product claims are to be considered for rejoinder. The Applicant thanks the Examiner in advance for this consideration.

Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any fees or to credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,
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